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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether less number of research and development activities are being undertaken in Government scientific labs in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide more incentives to improve the working conditions for scientists in Government labs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES (KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) to (d): No Sir. The Government has provided several incentives to the active scientists from time to time in the form of increasing their research fellowships. The Government has also made provisions for sharing royalty earned from the commercialized patents with the scientists. In addition, keeping in view the recent economic atmosphere in the country the Government through its Scientific Departments and agencies has initiated programmes like Swarnajayanthi Fellowships, Shyama Prasad Mookerjee Fellowships, KS Krishnan Fellowships and J.C. Bose & Ramanujam Fellowships for bright and active scientists & technologists with a provision for monetary incentives in addition to the salary.